

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. Status of the Claims and Explanation of Amendments

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25 are pending in this application, including independent claims 1, 5, 15, 17. As to the merits, Applicant appreciates and acknowledges the Examiner's recognition of the novelty of the then-pending claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25. These claims are rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,822,022 to Deter et al. (hereinafter "Deter") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,351,324 to Flint (hereinafter "Flint") and U.S. Patent No. 6,626,542 to Baba et al. (hereinafter "Baba"). (08/30/06 Office Action at p. 2.) Of the remaining claims, claims 1, 5, 15 and 17 are independent in form.

By this paper, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 26-32 are added. Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and drawings, as originally filed, for example Figures 7A and 15 and their associated text. No new matter is believed to be added by these amendments. Entry is requested.

B. Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25 are Patentable over Deter in view of Flint and Baba

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) allegedly as being unpatentable over Deter in view of Flint and Baba. Applicants respectfully disagree with the characterization of the claims and of the prior art in the stated rejection and respectfully traverse this rejection. Specifically, as claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25 have

been cancelled, Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-12, 14-18 and 22-25 are rendered moot.

C. Newly Added Claims 26-32

Newly added independent claims 26-32 require, *inter alia*, "a third mechanism which rotates the first mechanism." As Applicant cannot find "a first mechanism which scans the light in a first direction on the projection surface by rotating the mirror; a second mechanism which scans the light in a direction different from the first direction on the projection surface; and a third mechanism which rotates the first mechanism" of claim 26 in Deter, Flint, and Baba, alone or in combination, at least new independent claim 26 and new dependent claims 27-32, depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance for at least similar reasons.

CONCLUSION

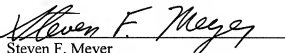
For the above-stated reasons, this application is respectfully asserted to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable examination on the merits is requested. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5286.

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